**Mangalore Power Project Under a New Company**

3472. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether congentrix has been pulled out and the New China and Light Power Company has decided to Undertake development of the Project on the counter guarantee terms offered by the Centre;

(b) whether Tatas are willing to replace U.S. based multi-national Cogentrix Corporation in the 1000 MW Mangalore Power Project;

(c) if so, which Company has so far been given licence by the State Government;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) how power problem in Karnataka is going to be solved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Earlier, in Mangalore Power Company (MPC) (a company formed to implement the 1013.2 MW Mangalore Power Project) M/s Cogentrix USA and M/s CLP Power International were partners. M/s Cogentrix have recently withdrawn from MPC and the Mangalore Power Project and have transferred all their rights in MPC and the power project to M/s CLP Power International. Now M/s CLP Power International have approached Government of Karnataka to implement the project with M/s Tata Power Companies as their Indian Partners with 30% share holding. M/s CLP Power International have confirmed to the Government of Karnataka (GoK) that the MPC will be writing to the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (KPTCL) to confirm their acceptance of the conditions laid down by the Government of India (GoI) for isuance of the GoI counter-guarantee. GoK is yet to approve the proposal of M/s CLP Power International

(c) to (e) As stated above, the State Government is yet to take a decision on the proposal submitted by M/s CLP Power International.

**Hydel and Thermal Power Projects in Assam**

3473. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of hydel and thermal power projects in the State of Assam which are yet to be completed; and